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SUBJECT: MEETING ON FUTURE ECONOMIC RELATIONS

WITH SOUTH AFRICA

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BEGIN SUMMARY: THOUGH DISTINCTLY UNENTHUSIASTIC, THE
GERMANS ARE PREPARED TO TAKE PART IN A MEETING IN
WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS FUTURE ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH
SOUTH AFRICA. THE GERMANS WOULD PREFER TO DEFER THE
MEETING UNTIL THE SECOND HALF OF MARCH, THOUGH THEY
WILL CONSIDER OUR SUGGESTION TO COMMENCE THE TALKS THE
WEEK OF MARCH 6. END SUMMARY.

1. ON FEBRUARY 22, EMBOFF CALLED ON FOREIGN OFFICE
DIRECTOR OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC POLICY (PABSCH) AND
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PRESENTED SUBSTANCE REFTEL. PABSCH RESPONDED BY STATING
THAT DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS
WITH SOUTH AFRICA AT THE NEW YORK MEETING HAD BEEN
"CONFUSED." WHILE GENSCHER HAD INDICATED HIS GENERAL
AGREEMENT TO GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A DISCUSSION,
HE HAD NOT BEEN PRESENT WHEN TIMING OF THE MEETING WAS
DISCUSSED. ACCORDING TO PABSCH, GENSCHER AND OTHERS

IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE BELIEVED THE TIMING SUGGESTED BY THE US WAS PREMATURE. THE FRG HAD NOT, FOR EXAMPLE, HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INTER-MINISTERIAL COORDINATION OF THE MATTER.

2. THE COMPETENT MINISTRIES WOULD MEET NEXT WEEK AND, THEREFORE, GERMAN PARTICIPATION DURING THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27 WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION. IN FACT, GERMAN THINKING HAD BEEN TO HOLD THE MEETING DURING THE SECOND HALF OF MARCH. IN LIGHT OF OUR SUGGESTION OF THE WEEK OF MARCH 6, HOWEVER, PABSCH WAS PREPARED TO RAISE THE MATTER AGAIN WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS. PABSCH UNDERTOOK TO CONTACT US ON FEBRUARY 23 REGARDING DEFINITIVE GERMAN VIEWS ON OUR PROPOSED TIMING.

3. PABSCH WAS QUITE BLUNT IN STATING THAT THE FRG SAW VERY LIMITED POSSIBILITIES FOR ACTION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA IN THE ECONOMIC AREA. THE GERMANS CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT SUCH SANCTIONS WOULD HARDEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN POSITION IN ALL AREAS AND PARTICULARLY THROW A MONKEY WRENCH INTO THE NAMIBIA TALKS. MOREOVER, SAID PABSCH, SANCTIONS WOULD HURT SOUTH AFRICA'S BLACK POPULATION AND ITS NEIGHBORS AS WELL. THESE WERE MATTERS WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON.

4. PABSCH SAID THE FOREIGN OFFICE LOOKED UPON THE CONFIDENTIAL

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FORTHCOMING MEETING AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND NOT A FORUM AT WHICH FIRM DECISIONS WOULD BE ARRIVED AT. HE SAID THE GERMANS WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSED SANCTIONS AND WHETHER PRESENT TIMING WAS APPROPRIATE. THEY WOULD ALSO WANT TO DISCUSS SOME OF THE IDEAS PRESENTLY CIRCULATING IN THE UN AS TO WHAT MIGHT BE DONE IN THE SANCTIONS AREA. FEW OF THESE IDEAS SEEMED REALISTIC.

5. THE FRG HAS YET TO DECIDE ON ITS LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION AT THE MEETING BUT IT WILL LIKELY BE EITHER PABSCH OR FOREIGN OFFICE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MATTHIAS.
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